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The Shelton State Lady Buccaneers won the state championship at Northwest-Shoals Community College in Muscle-Shoals

By Adam Jaffe

On Saturday March 6 the Shelton State Lady Buccaneers defeated Bevill-State 79-

58, claiming the Region XXII championship. This is the second Alabama Junior Community College Conference championship for head coach Ma-

donna Thompson and her Lady Bucs, with her first coming in 2000. This gave the team an opportunity to go to their second national tournament as well.

"I'm extremely happy not only because we won the championship but because it is hard to beat a team for the third straight time," said Thompson. "The players played exactly how I wanted them to."

Shelton State's LaTiffany Burton was chosen the most valuable player of the tournament and teammates LaTonya Henry, Constance Kelly, and Carol McDonald were chosen to the All-Tournament team. Constance Kelly led all scoring with 21 points and hit 11 of 13 from the foul line.

Other notables: Henry added 17 points and 11 rebounds, Burton had 15 points and 11 rebounds as well. "It was a great win; we struggled with them early, but we eventually got some points and a good lead," said Thompson.

The national tournament will be held in Hagerstown, Md., starting March 20. There are

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How about you and spring break 2002?



Spring break is almost here. This year it will be held March 25-29.

College students are scrambling to make those last-minute plans. Over the years everyone has tried to find excitement in different locations during the week of spring break.

Whether they are staying home and maybe just catching a few more zzzs—or if they've found the wherewithal for something outstanding, Shelton students have strong opinions about what makes for a great break.

Kim Lewis said, "I was flipping through a magazine and I saw an ad about a music festival in Acapulco, Mexico. I decided this is what I needed to do, take a trip. I soon took up with two sisters because being out of the states alone is not so easy. There was music by the pool and I knew immediately that I had made the right decision. Our days consisted of sightseeing,

shopping, and hanging out by the pool. Our nights were filled with jazz, R&B, and comedy at the Acapulco Convention Center. After the nightly shows, we would go party at many different nightclubs. I spent my week in Acapulco having non-stop fun and excitement."

Keith Williams said, "I enjoy spending my spring break in Pensacola, Fla., the place where it all happens. Live music, great seafood, beautiful women and tons of fun. People come from all over trying to get in some of the best clubs in Florida. I feel that Pensacola is one of the greatest places to spend spring break."

Parke Miller said, "Some people's lives revolve around Christmas; others revolve around Easter or birthdays. However, my life focuses on that fateful last week in March when thousands of people collide at beaches and resorts. To me, spring break means the beach. And I probably had my best beach experience ever last year in the Cayman Islands."

Another approach to take toward spring break is the historical one. Ken Horst waxes poetically about the many scenic and historical attractions of Charleston, S.C. "From battleships to beaches to fine dining, it's all there" said Horst.

Back to School

By Carol Y. Collins-Miller

Part two of a Series

As I mentioned in the early February issue of the Courier, I was once very reluctant to believe the theory of behavioral science. When it came to how someone acts I considered it all being mind over matter. I remember when my son was about 10, he was diagnosed Attention Deficit Disorder (A.D.D.). I wasn't buying it. He had a problem all right, he was bad, but I had the cure

For months I tried many disciplinary techniques on this child and with my military background I had some

pretty creative ways to influence positive behavior. After a while however, my discipline was bordering on abuse and my son's behavior was getting worse. I was still reluctant to believe the diagnosis but I knew I had to try something different. I learned as much as I could about behavioral disorders and finally I had to consider that maybe not everything is mind over matter. Maybe there was a chemical imbalance that he could not control. I agreed with the recommended treatment and a positive change was noticed immediately.

The study of mental health is a true profession. There are researchers and doctors committed to understanding

how our brain functions. When it malfunctions, just as with any other vital organ, the specialist diagnose and recommend treatment for the disorder. If a heart specialist finds that there is a problem with our heart, we immediately seek treatment. But, if a mental health specialist diagnose a problem with our mind we would probably think he's a quack and refuse to accept his findings.

As responsible adults, we must be knowledgeable of the many factors that may interfere with our ability to be the best person we can be. We are only limiting our success if we stay in the blind when it comes to mental disorders. Knowledge is the key to our understanding. Once we become knowledgeable we can make an informed decision about our health whether mental or physical.

Off the Shelf . . .

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

From time to time, high-driven Dennis Lanahan probably feels like he can see the whole world from the top of his 80-foot diving platform. But he begins to regret the view when, while performing in Tunica, MS, he witnesses a mob rubout. And that's just the start of Elmore Leonard's newest book *Tishomingo Blues*, which includes civil war re-enactors, hoop-skirted sirens, and more twists in its plot than the Mississippi River.

Psych-thriller champ David Baldacci is following up on his recent success of *Absolute Power* with a new one: *Last Man Standing*. The story follows FBI super-agent Web London from the moment of a 10-second ambush that kills everyone on his team. Everyone that is except Web; leaving him to ponder why has he been spared. Web's attempts to regain his self-respect and his

professional reputation finds him searching for a 10-year-old who's been identified as the only other survivor of the ambush. Only one problem: the 10-year-old has now vanished.

With *Hollywood Wives- The New Generation*, Jackie Collins is back with a whole new set of her favorite characters. Just like the title says, this is a whole new generation of young, smart, ambitious women who'll stop at nothing to get what they want. Fur fly'n' fun for the rest of us.

Social Issues: *The Date Rape Prevention Book*, by Scott Lindquist; *Slavery and Crime in Missouri*, by Harriet C. Frazier; *A Child Called 'it'*, by David J. Pelzer; *Crossing the Water*, by Daniel Robb.

Music: *Instruments of Desire*, by Steve Waksman; *Birth of the Cool*, by Lewis MacAdams; *Jazz in the Bittersweet Blues of Life*, by Wynton Marsalis; *Voice of an Angel*, by Charlotte Church.

Art: *The Restoration of Painting*, by Knut Nicholaus; *The Seven Wonders of the World*, by John Romer; *Celtic Art*, by Ruth Megaw; *Degas to Matisse*, by Ruth Megaw; *Revelations*, by Kathy Kemp.

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By Dr. Lee Albritton



The Solar Nursery

Before the mighty hunter, Orion, leaves the nighttime sky, be sure to take a look at an object where new stars are forming. Stars form from huge clouds of gas and dust that are primarily made of the element hydrogen and are called nebulae.

The constellation Orion has one of the best nebulae in the sky and can be seen with the unaided eye. It is called the "Great Nebula" and is located in the middle of

Orion's sword. To find Orion simply look southwest about an hour after sunset and locate the three bright stars that make his belt. His sword hangs from his belt at an angle to the left.

Take a look at the middle point of light in the sword and you have found the "Great Nebula." Gravity is slowly pulling in pockets of the cloud, and when the matter in the star that is forming gets dense and hot enough, thermonuclear fusion of hydrogen be-

gins in its core and a star is born.

Look at the "Great Nebula" with a pair of binoculars and you can clearly make out the cloud of gas and see a small cluster of four stars in the center of the cloud. These are very young stars that have just formed and are very massive and hot.

Keep looking up and check out the young stars in Orion solar nursery the "Great Nebula."

urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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twelve teams competing in this tourney. Shelton State has a 26-6 overall record with only one loss since the winter break. Shelton's first opponent is Johnson County Community College. This is the same team that defeated Shelton by three points in the 2000 final four. Johnson County is 19-13 this season.

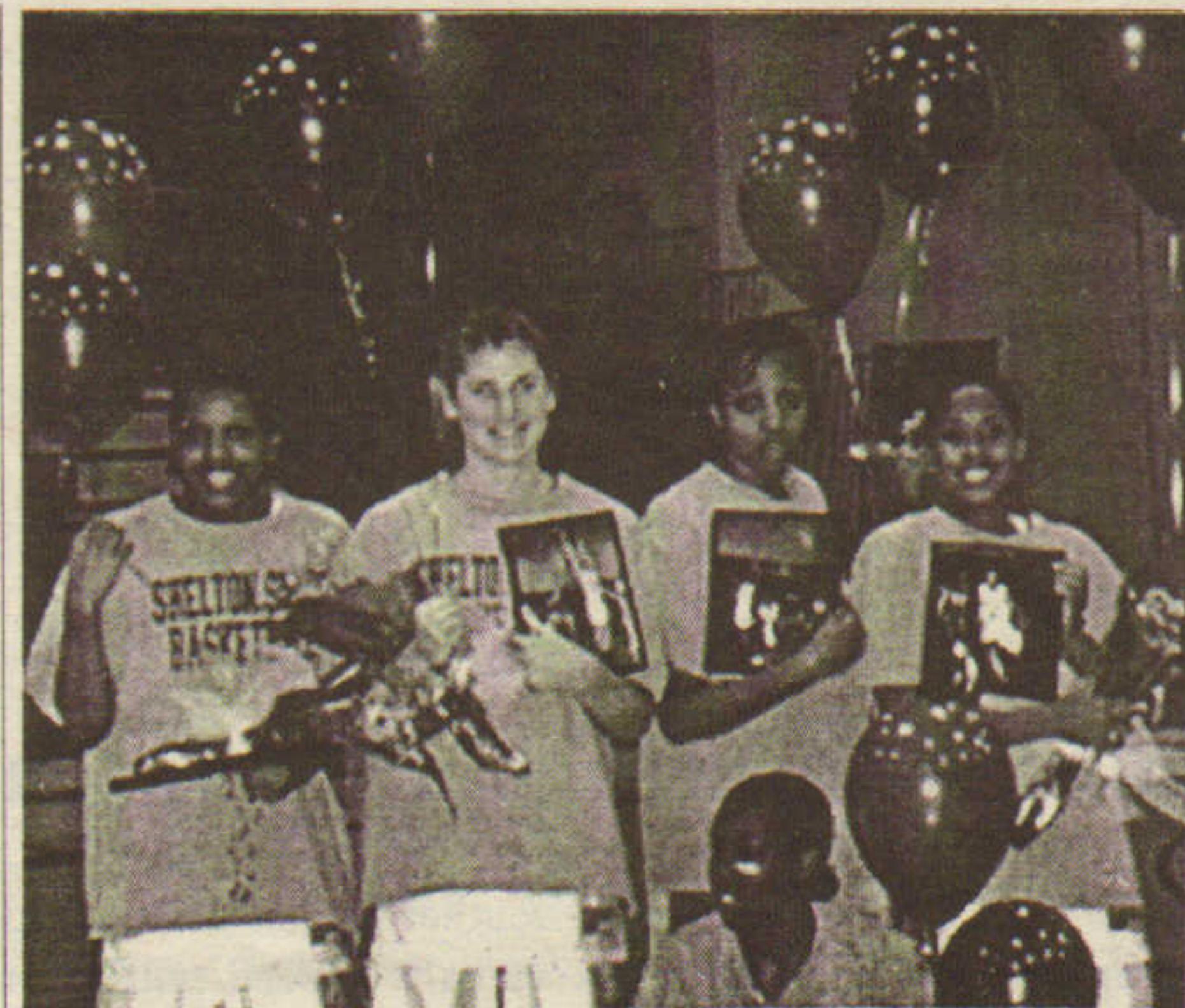
"I'm pretty excited about going to Maryland and playing in front of a big-

ger crowd and scouts from other schools. I think this season we have played more as a team instead of individually," said Marquitta Hillman.

This gives players an opportunity to show scouts that they can play at a higher level.

Other teams in the national tournament include Monroe Community College from, Rochester, N.Y., with an amazing 32-0 record. Illinois Central College, East Peoria, Ill., with a 30-2 record, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, Mich., with a 30-2 record also will participate.

Shelton State plays Wednesday, March 20 at noon.



Thank you Sophs!

Shelton's five sophomores have helped the Lady Bucs to another state championship. Enjoying their day at the last home game are (L-R) LaTonya Henry, Carol McDonald, Latiffany Burton, Constance Kelly and Kanetra Owens. Above right, LaTonya Henry shows the jump shot form that earned her most-valuable-player honors at the



Gala will feature rollicking song & dance numbers

The Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame Gala that will be held Saturday, March 16. It's all coming together, from the dozens of volunteer Shelton State students, and the theatre majors working on the set, to the 11 members of the performing cast.

The Gala, an event that will honor inductees Hugh Martin, Dean Jones, and George Lindsey, has an exciting bill of play. From a medley of *Meet Me In St. Louis*, to the "Gomer Pyle" medley the stage will come alive with the sights and sounds of music and dance.

The actors involved in the Gala performances are all Tuscaloosa Theatre regulars: Drew Baker, Ava Buchanan, Lisa Waldrop, Allison Wilkes, Kathy Wilson, Johnny Dancy, Greg Hagler, Brent Jones, Charles Prosser, Ray Taylor, Willie Williams. The hosts for the event are Sarah Verser and Rick Journey. Special guest performers include Kristi Tingle Higgenbotham, and the Dixie High Stepping Cloggers.

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Sports



—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Buc 9 off to a good start despite rain

Shelton State's baseball team was defeated by Jefferson State 1-0 on Sunday, March 10.

Winning pitcher Kenny Henry gave up five hits in six innings. He struck out three. Walter Evans pitched two innings, and Bo Donahue got the save by pitching the ninth.

Brett Sullivan took the loss. Sullivan (0-1) gave up five hits in three innings and struck out two. John Taylor started for the Buccaneers. He allowed one hit and struck out four in three innings.

In the fifth inning, Clay Lybarger

scored from third when Brett Hoffman grounded out.

"It was one of those games where we had chances, but we didn't get some hits when we needed them," said Shelton Coach Bobby Sprowl. "Our pitching was good enough to win. Their guy threw well. He threw strikes. It was a good college baseball game."

Sprowl said his team was playing only its second game in two weeks because of weather problems.

Shelton (6-3) will play at home against Triton College on Thursday.

Shelton golf squad takes it on the chin in Texas in the first tournament of the spring season

The Shelton State golf squad traveled to Texas for the Gulf Coast Invitational March 4 and 5. Shelton State finished 14th out of 18.

"After a month break the boys seemed as though they were playing their first tournament of the year," said fiery head coach Matt Terry. "It seemed like

some of the guys were thinking about where they will be playing next year. I told them they might not be playing anywhere if they continue like this!" Terry said it also didn't help that the temperature was 38 degrees and a hard wind was blowing.

After two rounds of 18 holes Calle

Lady Bucs already have 10 wins

On Thursday March 7 Shelton State Community College split a doubleheader against Jefferson State in softball action. Shelton won the second game 10-2 after losing the first 13-10.

Mandy Russell took the loss in the first game. Lindsay Wyatt hit three doubles with Darbi Sams adding three hits and Amy Bussing had two more hits. Sara Winston struck out four batters and gave up only six hits in her performance to get the win in the second game.

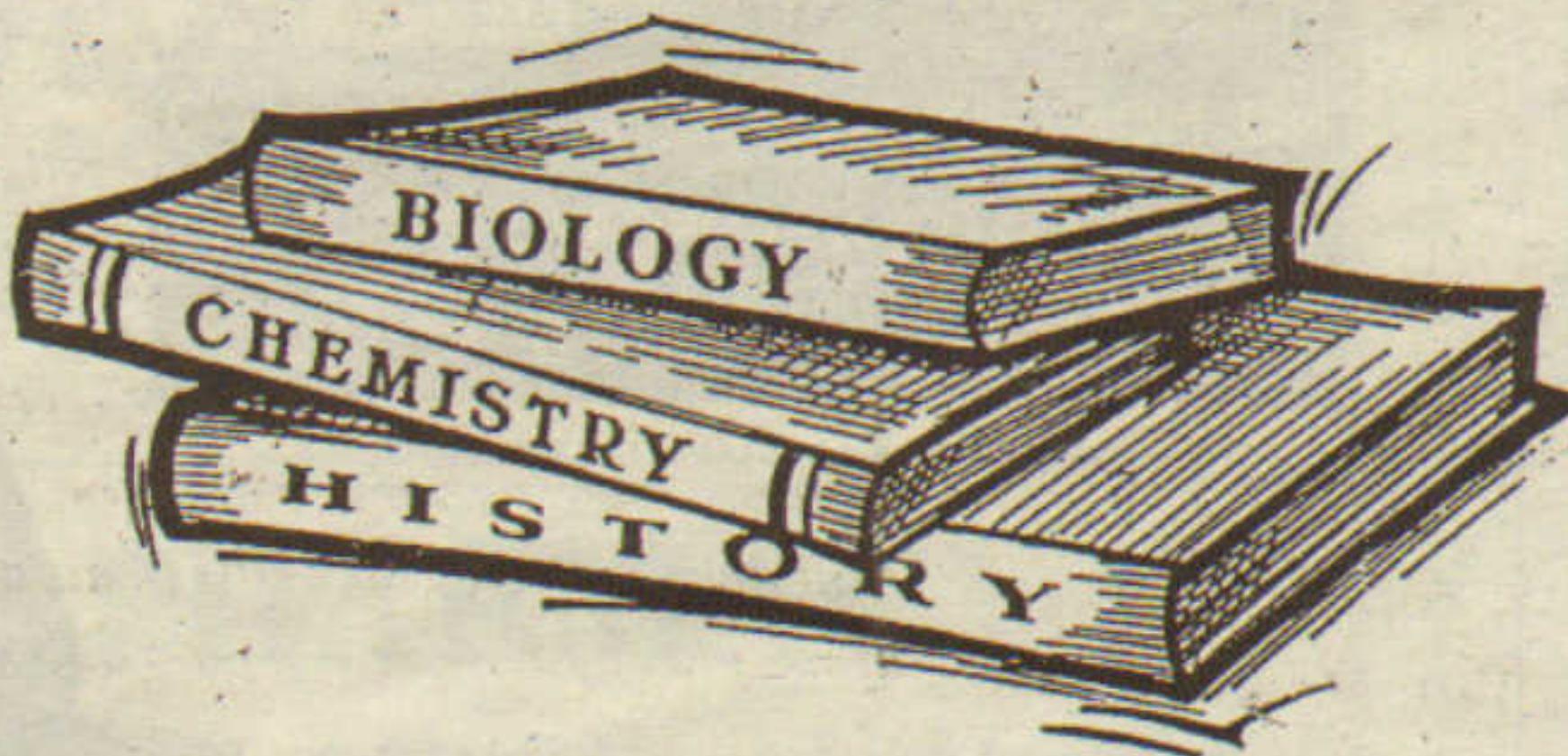
Monday, March 11, Shelton swept Wallace State of Hanceville winning 3-2 and 6-0. Amy Bussing was 3 for 3 in the first game with a two RBI's in the first game, and went three for four in the second game.

In the first win Mandy Russell allowed two hits and struck out three to accomplish a 5-1 pitching record. In the second game the winning pitcher was Sara Winston throwing a one hitter. Stephens was 2-2 with a double and two runs scored. Shelton State has improved their record to 10-2.

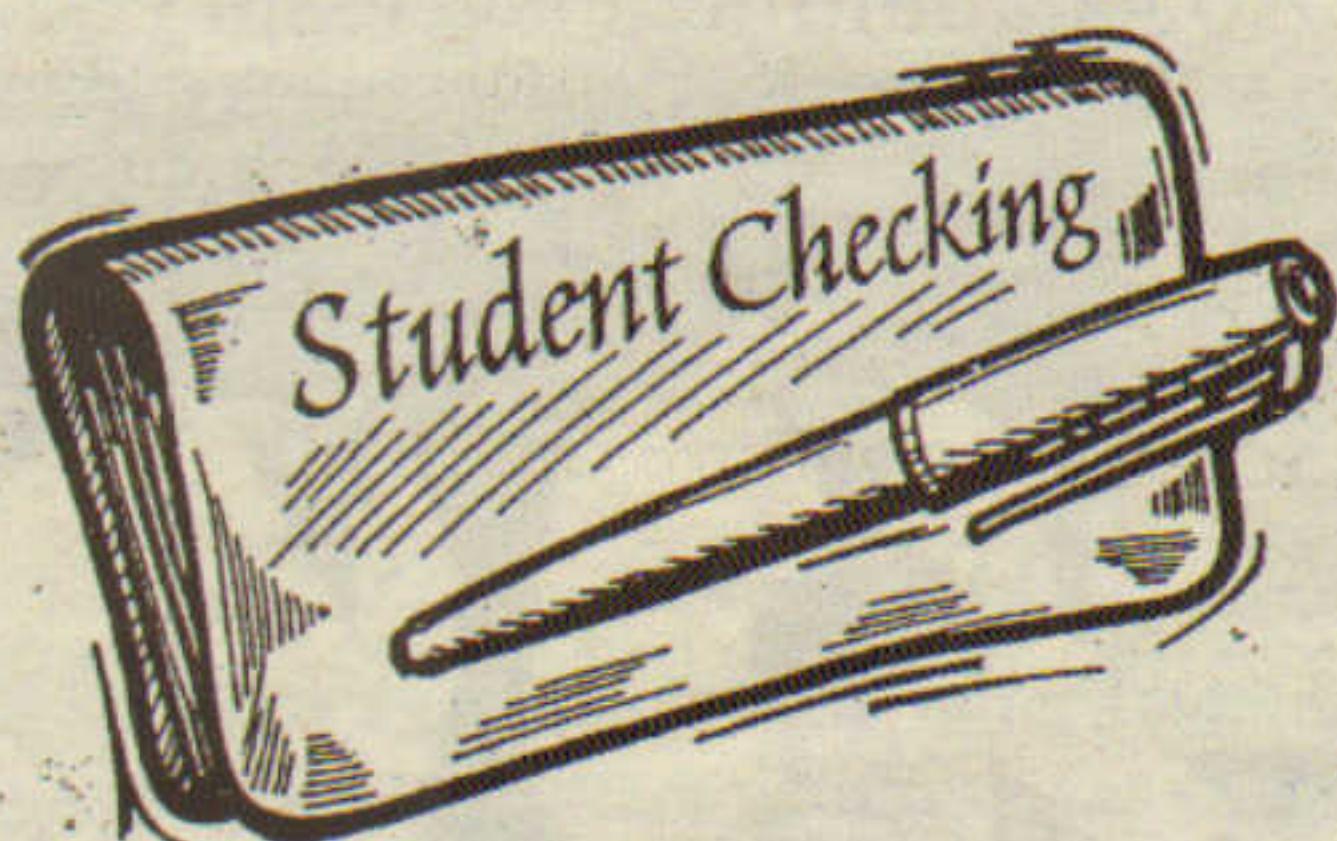
ment with Southern Mississippi and Andren has verbally agreed with East Carolina. Taylor turned down East Carolina and Andren turned down the University of Hawaii and University of Tennessee. The signing date has been set for April 10.

Taylor has made a verbal agree-

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Shelton Jubilee Update

By Lucy Kubiszyn

Editor's Note: Shelton PR Director will keep readers informed about plans for the college's 50th anniversary

Shelton Jubilee begins in September and continues monthly through April 2003. Over the next few months, we will try to keep you updated on plans and activities.

Did you know Shelton State had a newsletter back in 1953- *The Trade Post*? The committee planning the activities for December 2002 found one of the early issues.

During the month of Dec., the

college will focus on the roots of Shelton, the old 15th street campus that was then known as the Shelton State Vocational Trade School.

The very first Shelton State graduate in 1955 was Betty Smith. Retired Shelton instructor Don Seales was in the first electronics class offered by the college.

We are trying to identify as many former students of the college as possible, especially those students who attended in the early years. If you have any information concerning any former students, please contact Lucy Kubiszyn, 391-2221.

Honors Night deadline set

Shelton State Community College will recognize the college's outstanding students on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Umphrey Center during the Honors' Night program. Six of the most prestigious awards are named after former presidents of the college.

Three of the awards will be presented for the first time this year. They are the Chester A. Fredd, Sr. Incoming Freshman Award, the I.W. Mitchell Outstanding Technical Student Award, and the Norman Cephus Special Achievement Award.

The Thomas E. Umphrey Outstanding Freshmen Award, and the Harold I. James Outstanding Technical Student Award, and the Leo Sumner Outstanding Sophomore Award will also be presented. Applications for all of the awards may be picked up in the Counseling Center on the Martin Campus and from the main office on the Fredd Campus.

Eligibility requirements are listed on each award application. Students are encouraged to apply. All applications must be completed and returned by Monday, April 15.



Between twenty-five and thirty businesses and industries from across Alabama were at Shelton on Wednesday, March 6, for the annual career and business fair. The career fair offers students with possible contacts for future employment and employers an opportunity to showcase their products and services as well as help promote community awareness and unity.

Alumni Association to sponsor etiquette event

The Shelton State Alumni Association will host an Etiquette dinner on Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in cooperation with the University of Alabama. The dinner will include a two-hour class that will help people attending the program learn professional business etiquette and protocol as well as tips on eating out.

Virginia (Gina) Johnson, director of Auxiliary Services at the University of Alabama will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Johnson is certified in dining etiquette training and is a graduate of a

special training program called "The Graces and the Gentle-Man."

The event will be held in the President's Pavilion on the University of Alabama Campus. Bama Dining Service will provide food.

The cost of the etiquette dinner is \$20, which includes dinner and the two-hour course. Reservation must be made by Friday, March 15. For information or for reservations, contact the Shelton Alumni office, (205) 391-2252 or 391-2221.



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Wellness Center kicks off Health Fair

Wellness Center Health Fair is Monday March 18 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the wellness center of Shelton State. There will be free food, beverages, and admission is also free.

Over 30 booths on medicine, fitness, and health will be provided. Even a sports booth from the Bryant Museum will be provided for the sports enthusiast.

Fitness demonstrations for all ages start at noon. This annual health fair provides the students and community information and entertainment, as well as healthy snacks and beverages, from

the Bagel Station, Buffalo Rock-Pepsi, and Manna Grocery.

It is a great way to kick off Spring Break. The best of the community in the area of Wellness will provide information and gifts to educate the students and community on the importance of good health.

"This years health fair, as always, promises to be a festival of fun and information," said Dr. Milady Murphy director of the Wellness Center.

For more information contact Milady Murphy, 391-2994.

Nursing accreditation meeting set for March 21

Shelton State Nursing Program is seeking re-accreditation with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Representatives from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission will be at Shelton State March 20-22 for an on-site evaluation of the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

The faculty and staff of the college along with the general public are invited to attend an open forum on March 21 from 3-4 p.m. in the D Rooms on the

Martin Campus.

"We hope Shelton's faculty, staff, along with others from the community, will join us at this time," said Gladys Hill, director of Shelton's nursing programs.

"We look forward to the public's participation in this program. We thank everyone at the college for their continued support of the nursing programs."

"Together, we can continue to provide quality nurses to meet the needs of the West Alabama area," said Hill.

Mrs. West

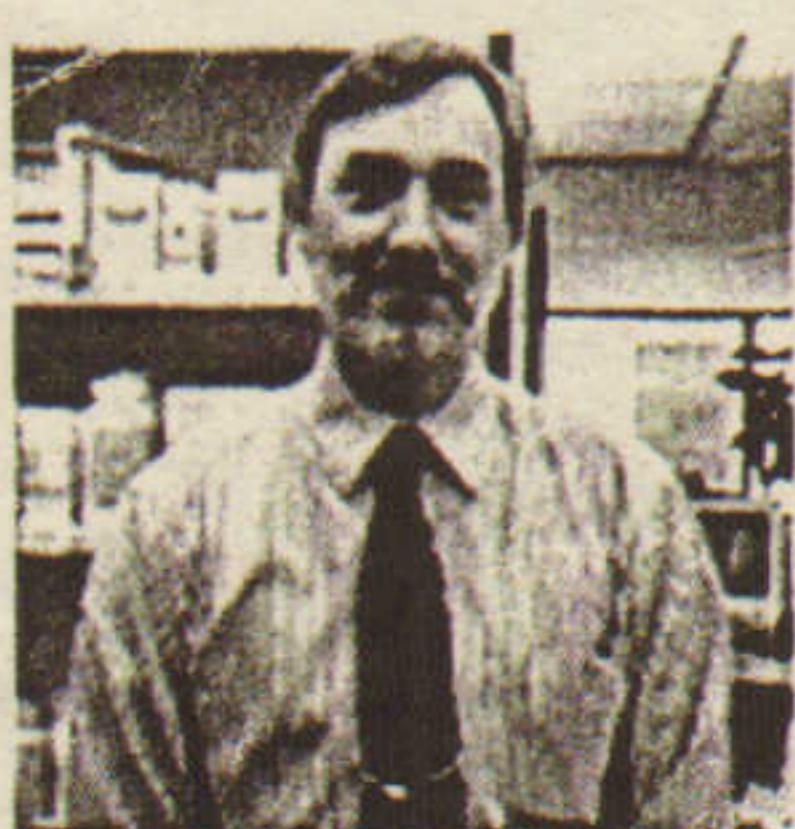
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The National College Beat

By Cole Williams

An Arizona State University student must undergo multiple surgeries after being stabbed during Fat Tuesday celebration in Tempe, AZ. Family and friends are offering an \$11,000 reward for information regarding the suspect.

University of Houston basketball player Kevin Gaines was arrested for assaulting a woman the night of Feb. 23. The incident took place after a game and is related to a case of vehicle larceny. Gaines is suspended along with three other UH players.

Illegally harvested body parts are suspected of being used in medical research at The University of Kentucky. The owner of a California based anatomical company, Michael Francis Brown, who also owned a cremation business, is charged with taking parts from bodies meant for cremation and selling them for research after discovering he did not have enough donated corpses to fill the order.

A freshman at Kennesaw State University in Georgia threw a printer off the third floor of a campus building in order to 'relieve stress.' A crowd of students cheered him on from below.

Two students at The University of Texas were arrested for making hundreds of fake IDs. They allegedly sold them to people around the country for as much as \$150 each.

The University of Alabama Extends Faculty and Staff Benefits

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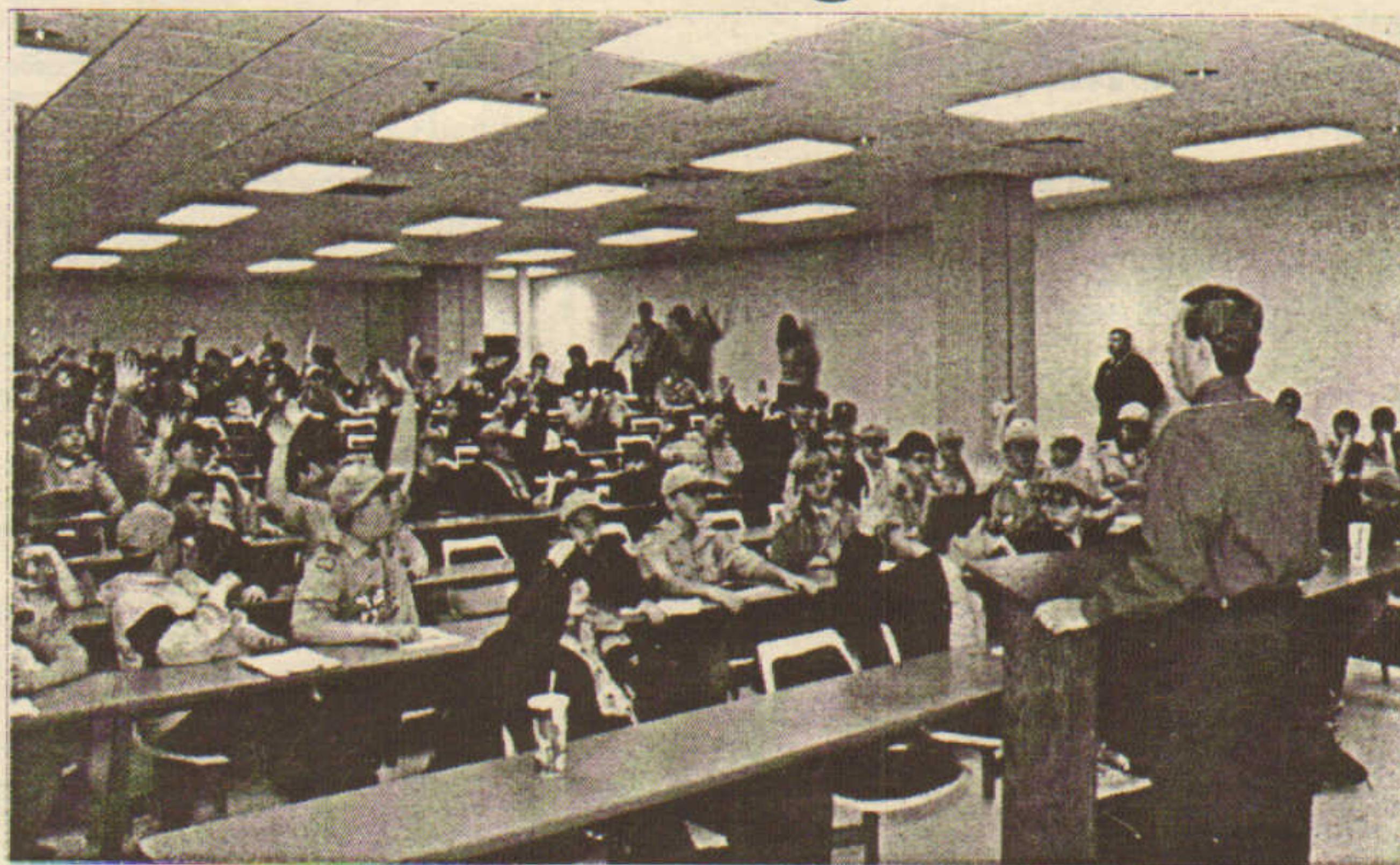
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When it comes to community, Shelton is a good scout



Be Prepared—President Rick Rogers was ready early one morning to greet a classroom full of young visitors. The Black Warrior Council held its annual Merit Badge College and University of Scouting at Shelton State on Saturday, March 2. About 245 boy scouts from West Alabama participated in the annual Merit Badge College. The boys worked on and earned several merit badges including atomic energy, chemistry, railroading, archeology, traffic safety, electricity, law, crime prevention and dentistry. About 110 adult scout leaders participated in University of Scouting. The leaders learned skills such as cooking, outdoorsmanship, advancement, junior leader training and standard first aid.

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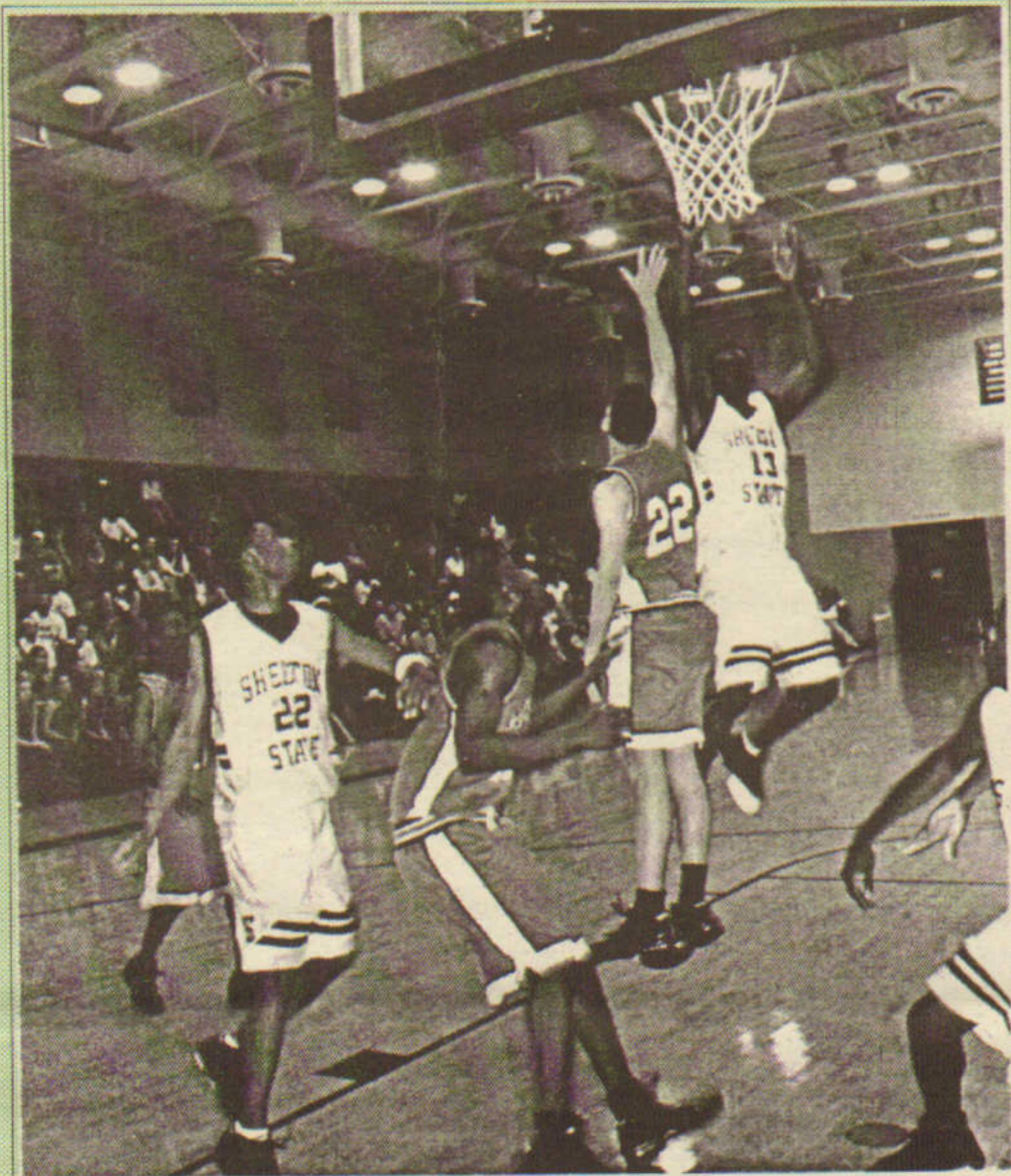
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Special Section

Special AJCCC Tournament Edition

Shelton State Community College

Shelton hosts the state—and community



When Shelton hosted the Alabama Junior College Conference Tournament March 7-9, 2002, 12 teams, 132 college coaches, thousands of fans and hundreds of volunteers worked to produce a slam dunk of an event

men's tournament?

In a word, the answer would have to be: community.

The tournament was a chance for Shelton to open its arms to basketball people not only across the state but the nation as well. Some 132 college coaches partook of Shelton hospitality, including coaches from Appalachian State, Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Tennessee-Martin, Western Carolina, Southern University, UAB, Texas-Arlington and many more.

But more than the display of community was produced by the effort of staging the event. "I don't want this to sound phony, because it's *really, really*, true: the Shelton family was truly wonderful in the way it stepped forward to help with this event," said tournament director Susan Mohun. The success of the tournament was a testament to the people so willing to help. We had so many coaches say it was the best tournament in years, and that is attributable to Shelton hospitality."

Shelton Athletic Director Barry Mohun was equally pleased by the way things turned out. "We had a great time!" Mohun said. "There were good, athletic players on every team and everyone seemed to enjoy the games. It helped to have the two men's divisions together. Neither women's or men's coaches want to sit through other games when they're evaluating players."

One unique aspect of the event was the performance of

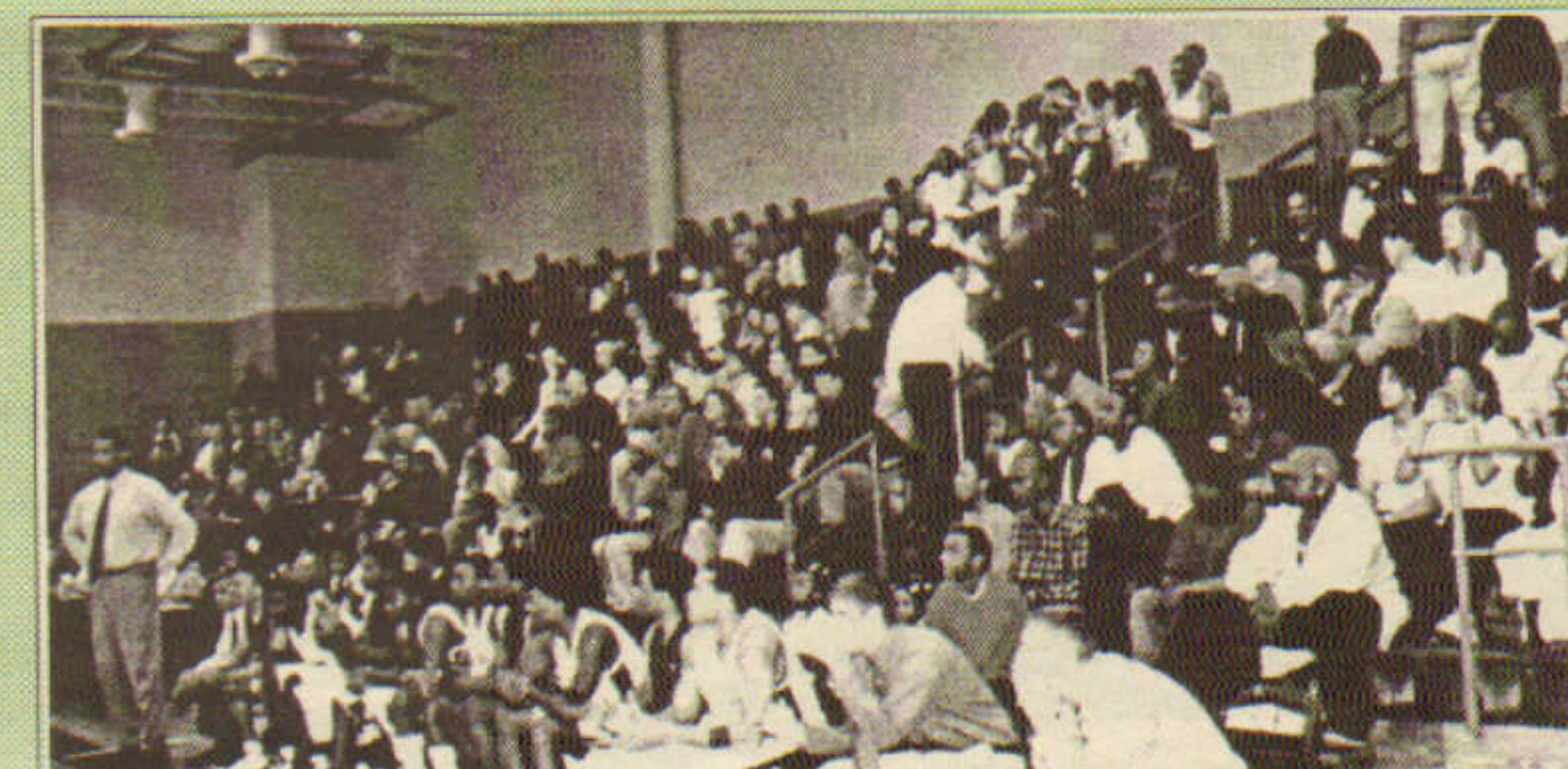
various cheerleaders and dance teams at the half-times of games—a tremendously well-received idea. "I think this will really help Shelton in the future," Susan Mohun said. "Getting people to come to the college and experience Shelton was what this event was all about."



Logo by Michael Smith



Before every session one of Shelton's talented singers sang the National Anthem. One of the singers was Allison Wilkes who gave a stirring a capella rendition. Stalwarts of the scoring table who attended every game included Dean Humphrey Lee and Paul Brown who ran the various clocks and the scoreboard. Adam Jaffe and Tom Canterbury were the announcers for the games. Canterbury, a Shelton grad, is a student at the University of Alabama and used his skills in his broadcast major all year to enhance the atmosphere and Bucs' men's and women's games



Thousands of fans attended the 10 games of the state tournament



The Lady Bucs' state championship team was introduced to the crowd on Thursday evening

Dancing, dishing, singing or collecting:



One of the big hits of half-time entertainment was Mary Jo Thompson's Highsteppers. The talented little troupe of dancing twirlers are (L-R) Lauren Graham, Laura Harris, Brooke Davis and Myranda Brown



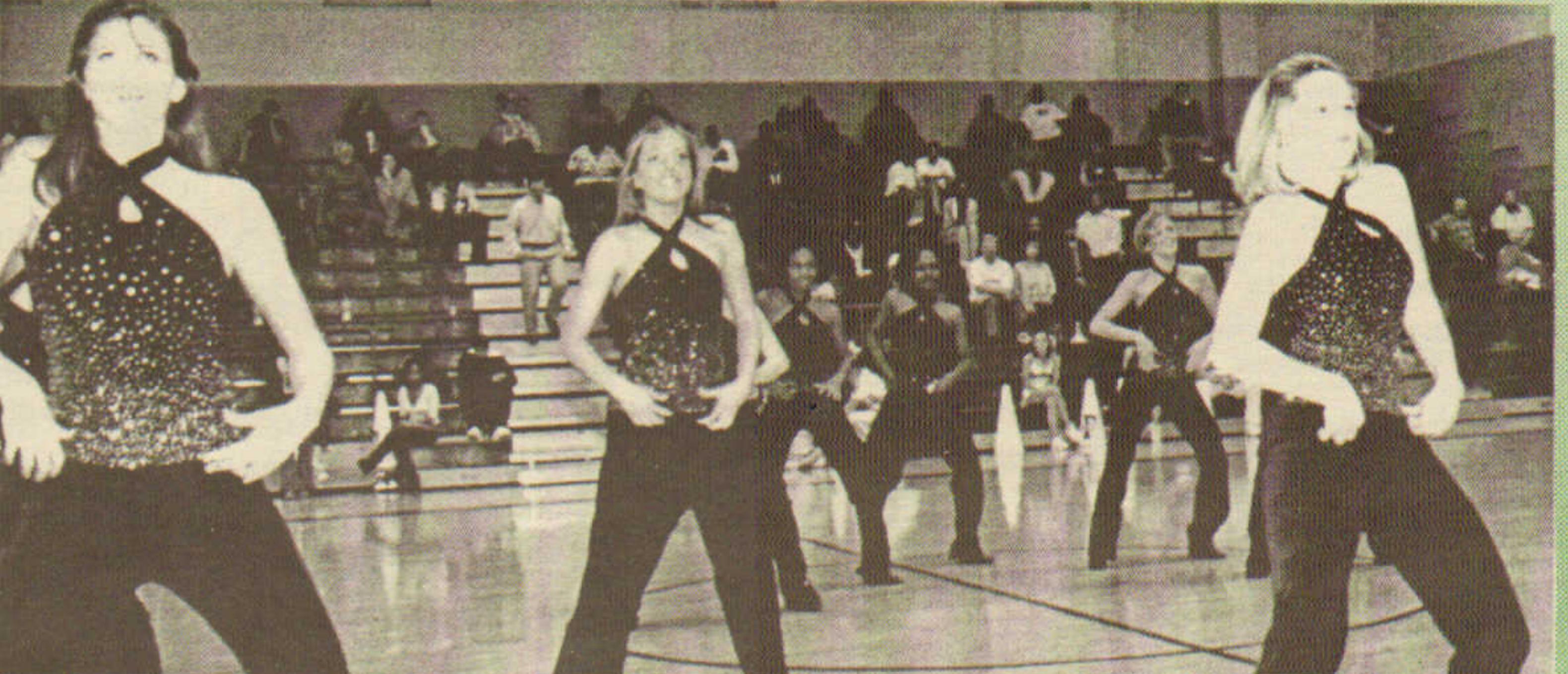
Adding to the festivities with their athletic dance routine was the Northside High Cheerleading team coached by Meg Strickland whose members include Tayla Bailey, Brandi Burgess, Ashley Dawley, Kristy Dunn, Jill Guin, Krista Hardeman, Sarah Harris, Amanda Liles Rhysie Nance, Becky Scrivner, Holly Simpson and Summer Stone



Led by Registrar Diane Layton, many Shelton folks staffed the Umphrey "gate," including Debbie Barton, Fran Turner, Peggy Hogue, Shirley Johnson, Ed Winslow, Jan Dean, Alicia Taylor, Patrice Thomas, Cindy Wyatt, Shirley Spencer, Sharon Chastain, Loretta Jones, Kelly Lancaster, Holly Sexton, Melanie Simmons and Martha Key



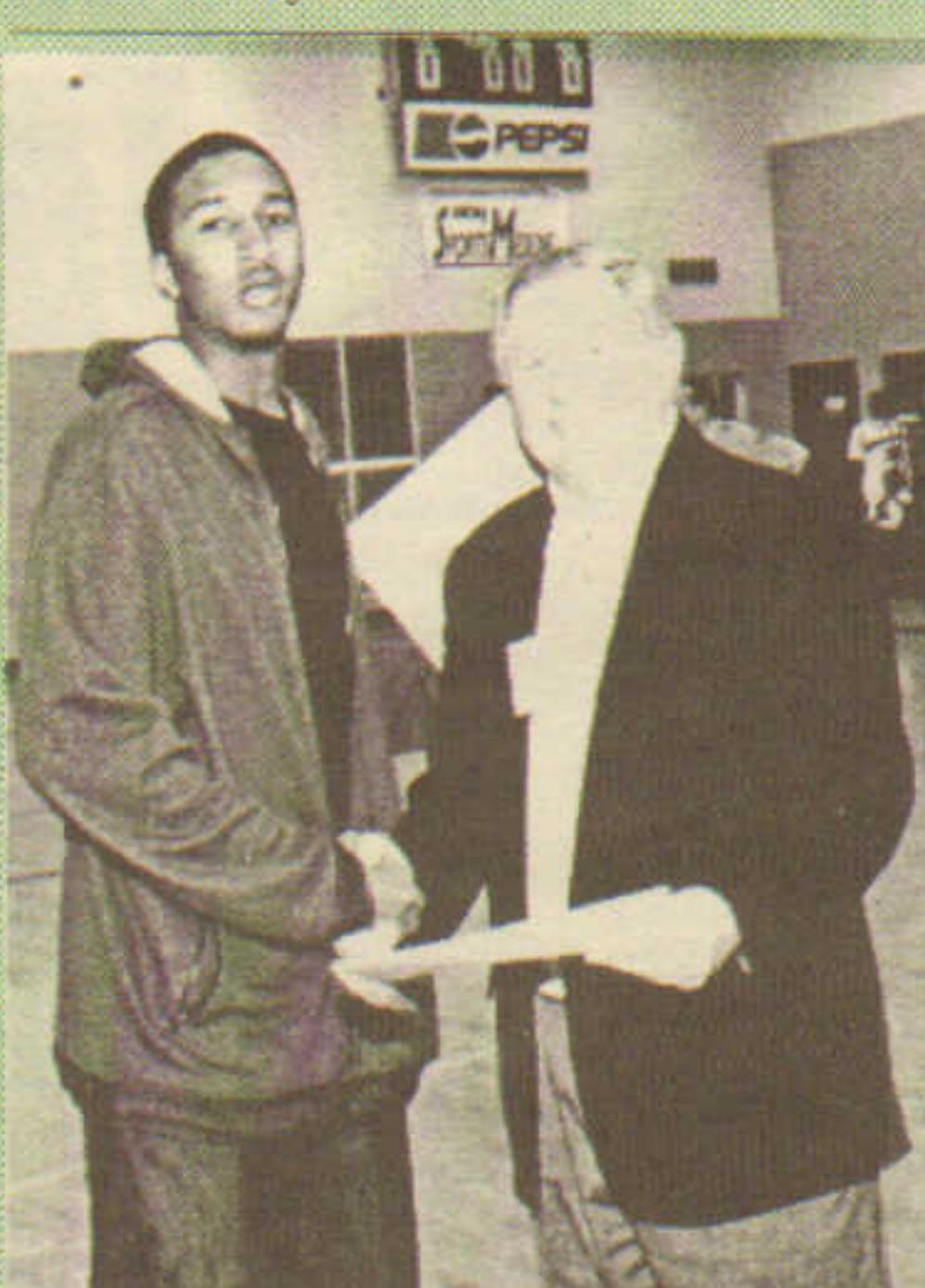
Many media types bopped in and out of the Umphrey Center covering the tournament. Included in that crowd were radio play-by-play men Orlando McCrory (L) and Jim Dewitt who cover both Faulkner State and Alabama Southern. Here they interview Sun Chief Coach Jack Robertson after a victory



The Buccaneer dance team, the Starlets, performed on Thursday and Saturday evenings. Members include Jennifer Butler, Larrah Cockrell, Catie Farrell, Jeri Ann Gann, Fallon Goins, Tia Guy, Emily Raburn, Claressa Sanders, Alison Smith, Lauren Teal, Nicole Whiddon and Kimberly Winslow. The group is coached by Shelton graduate Beth Key of the Studio of Performing Arts. With their professionally choreographed and timed routines, the Starlets have been popular performers all season



Shelton cheerleaders risked life and limbs to entertain the appreciative crowds of the tournament



Tabius Tate was selected a member of the AJCCC All-Region team. He was given his award by Conference Commissioner Bobby Skelton at the conclusion of the tournament on Saturday evening. Tate led the Bucs this year with a 12.5 pt. average. Members of the all-tournament team were Antron Moore and Ronald Cooper

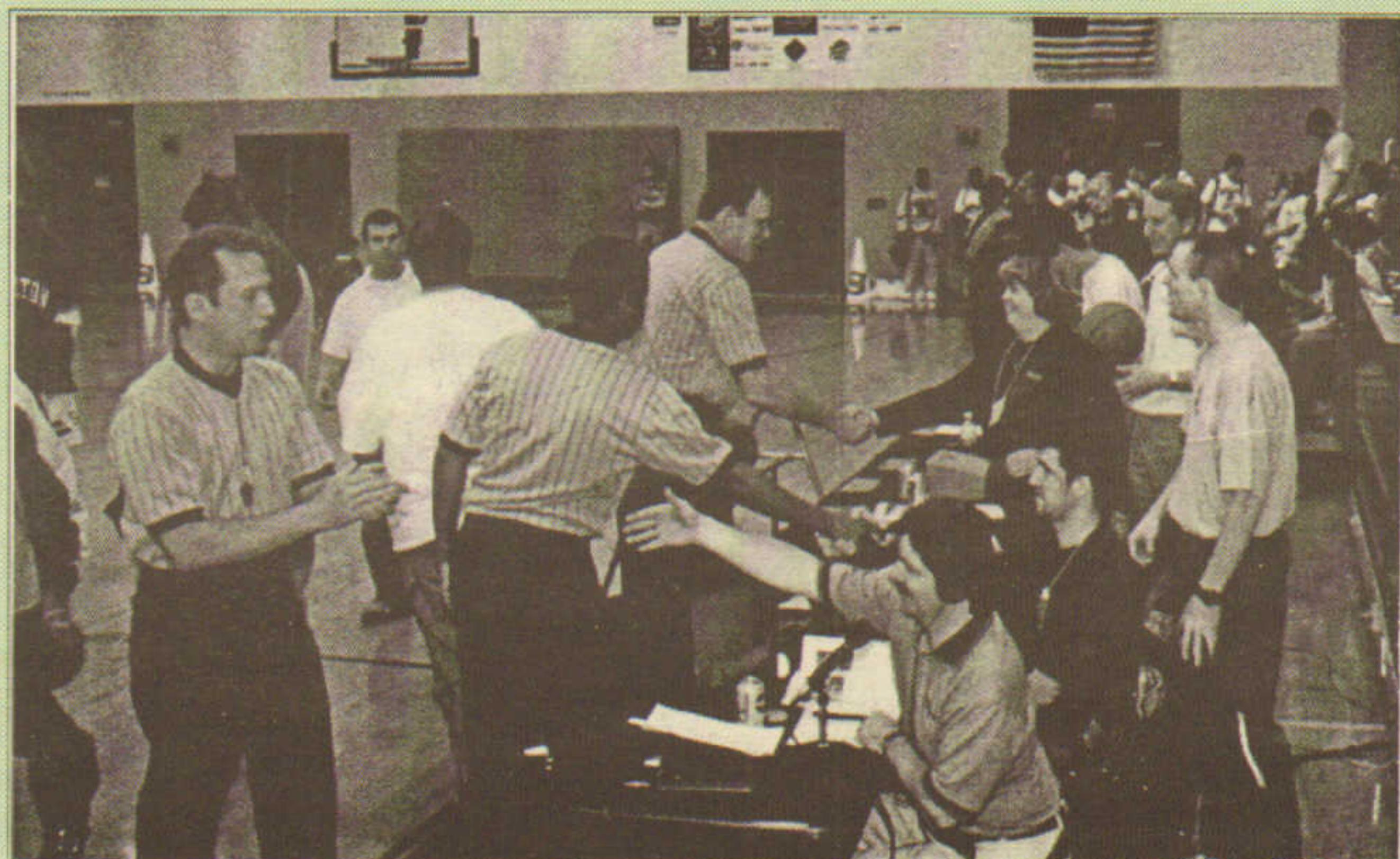


MMI's mascot tiger didn't provide quite enough of a roar to help their team past the Bucs



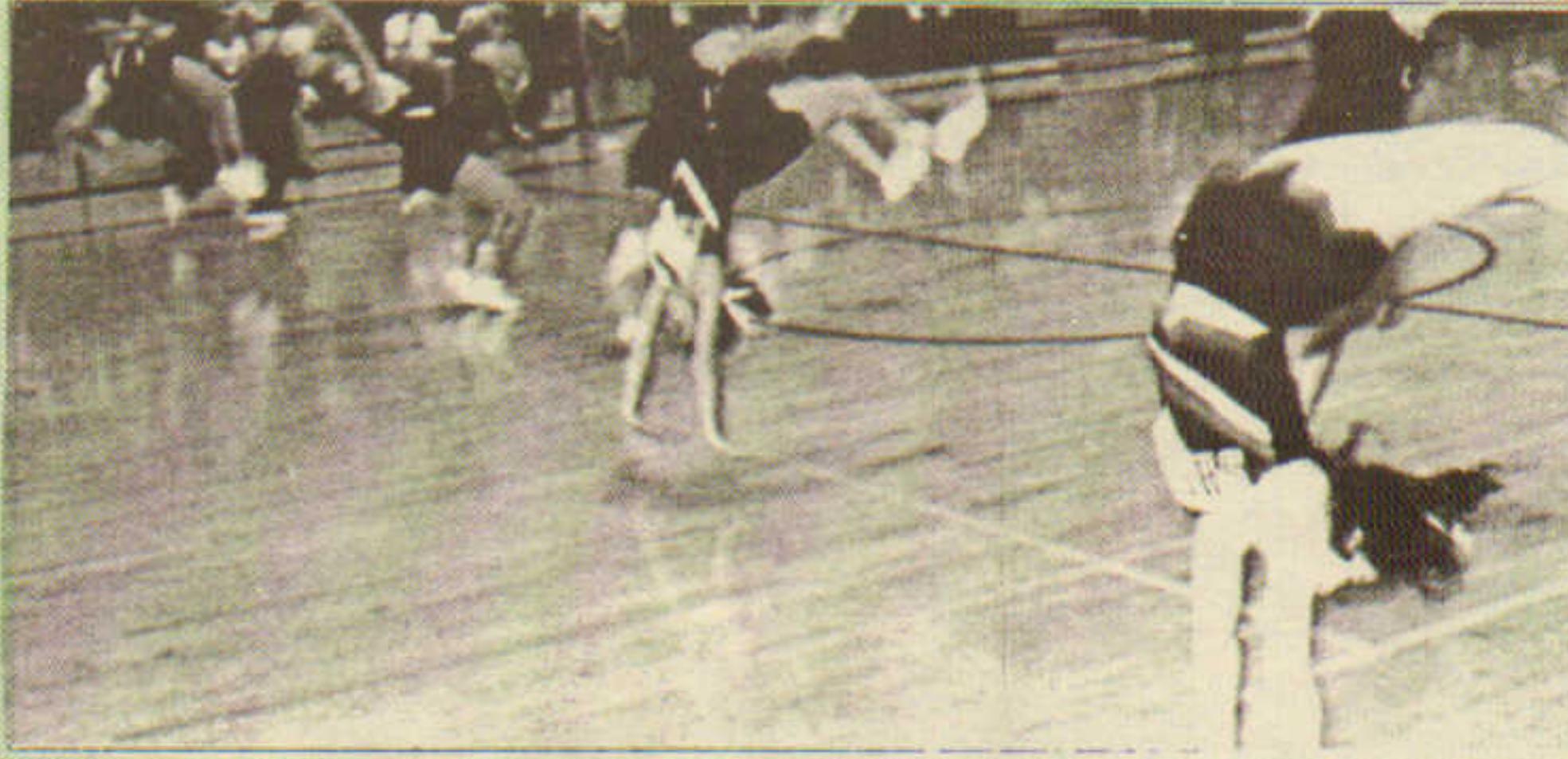
Probably the most popular volunteers of all were the people of the Hospitality room. Led by Deborah Bonner, they were many of the ones who worked the gate, but also Cheryl Arnold, Teresa Golson, Jan Rainer, Faye Tubbs and Donna Ussery.

Communities come together for great tourney



A big-game atmosphere prevailed at Shelton as the game referees shook hands with broadcaster Lee Tracy and (background) Tournament Director Susan Mohun

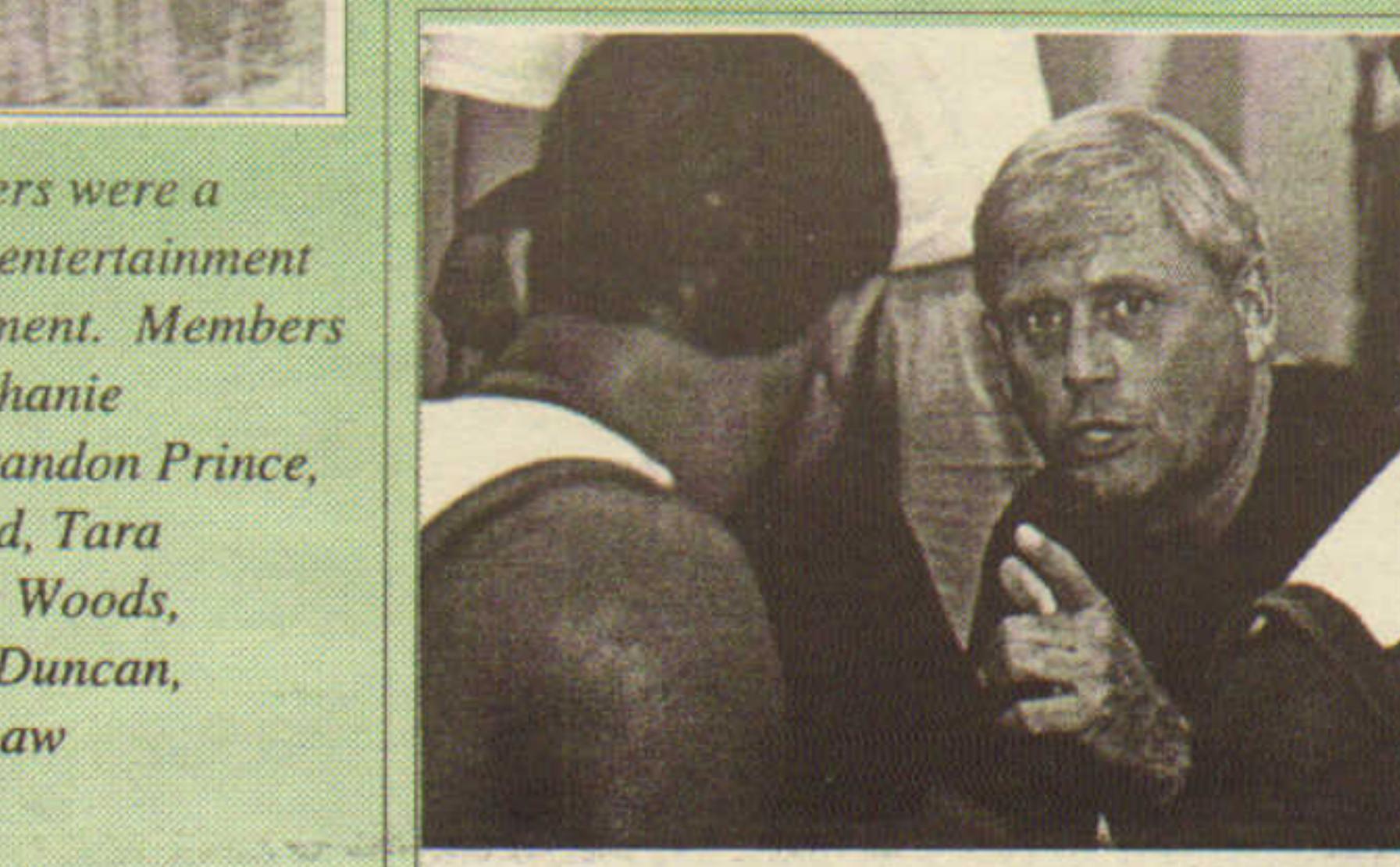
School board member Sandra Ray and her husband Martin Ray stopped by at the Umphrey Center to watch some ball and to chat with music major Allison Wilkes and President Rick Rogers



Tumbling Buccaneer cheerleaders added to the sense of fun and athleticism the games enjoyed



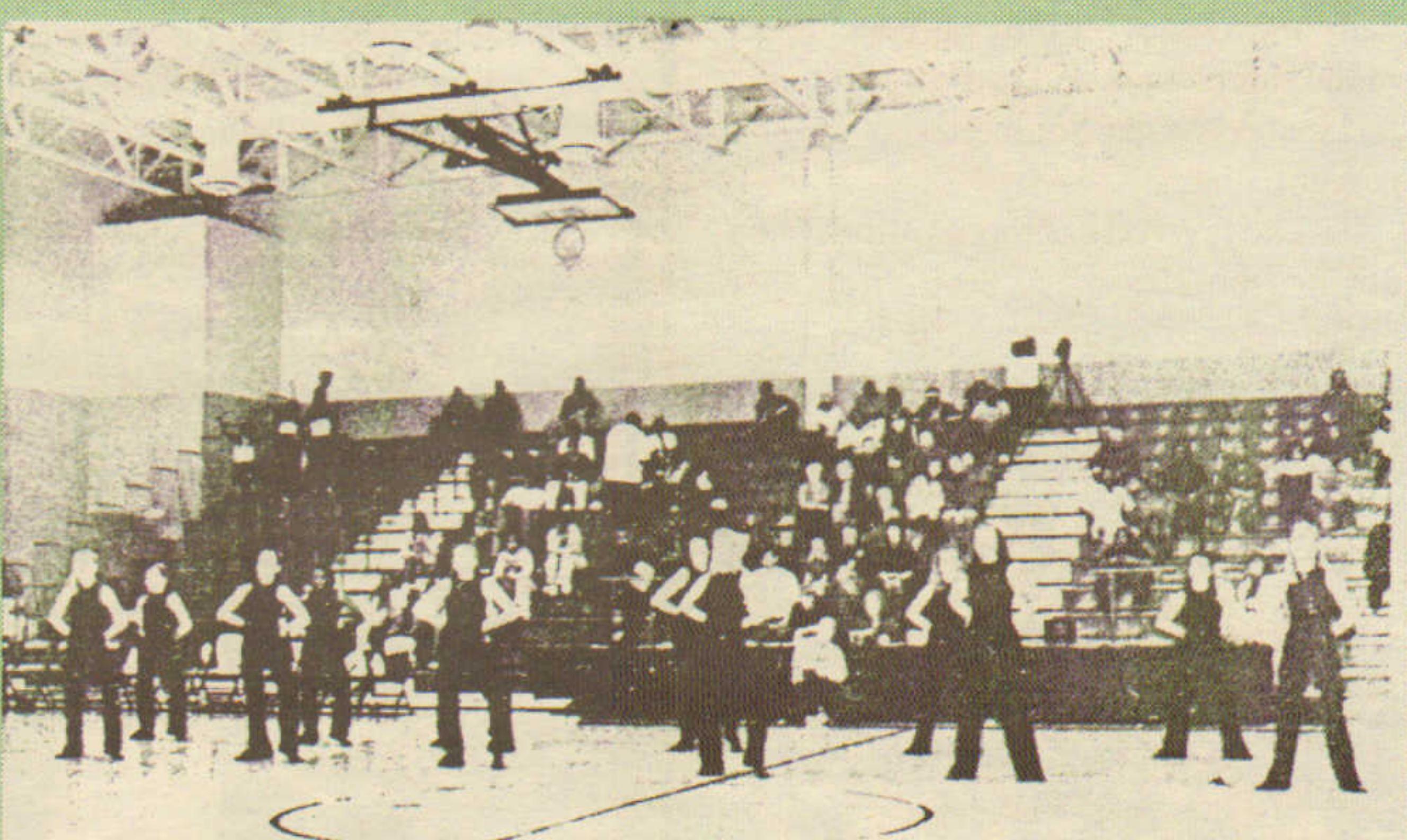
Ronald Jenkins and Andrew Linn stretch before a game in the tournament. Freshmen like Linn, a Tuscaloosa Academy grad, who played sparingly this year were praised by Coach Mohun. The coach called this year's team a great one to be around.



Bevill State-Walker Coach Ott Knight plots strategy

The Shelton State cheerleaders were a mainstay of enthusiasm and entertainment during the three-day tournament. Members of this year's squad are Stephanie Livingston, Rob Leonard, Brandon Prince, Kendal Crawford, Jenn Hood, Tara Leonard, Shea Gann, Carrie Woods, Whitney Batchelor, Stormie Duncan, Rebekah Gentry and Amy Shaw

One of the happiest attendees at the tournament was Willie Travis who received a check for \$500 from Susan Mohun, an award for hitting a half-court shot during halftime of a Buccaneer game this year



Neighboring Hillcrest High School supported the tournament by sending both their cheerleading and dance teams to add to the halftime entertainment. Members of the Mary Beth Sansing-coached cheerleading team are Allison Mims, Haley Hudson, Jennifer Brown, Tara Shinholster, Carrey Sherrill, Beth Wright, Ashley Brock, Anna Kathryn Ellis, Paige McGraw, Niki Seale, Vanessa Avalos, Mandie Pugh, Heather Bush, Emma Lou Tyra and Amy McCool. Members of the Hillcrest Dance Line (above) are Mindy Billeaud, Leslie Free, Elizabeth Hyde, Erica Barlow, Erica Beville, Hollie Bell, Jamie Meeks, Laura Meherg, Brittany Turner, DeAnna Wise, Jennifer DeFrance and Megan Alexander. The Line's sponsor is Mary Jo Thompson

And don't forget the *action*; there was plenty of it...

The purpose of Shelton State's hosting of the men's state tournament was to get thousands of more people to experience the Shelton community. However, the event was, remember, *basketball!*

No one who attended the games could fail to be impressed by the quality of play. The ten games in three days featured the gamut of styles, from hard-nosed, physical defense to high-flying, high-scoring offensive displays.

On Thursday, March 7, Faulkner State beat Bishop State 58-46, in one of those tough, defense-oriented contests. Southern Union steadily pulled away from Lawson State, 88-68. Bevill State-Sumiton and Wallace-State Hanceville played a more wide open game, with the Bevill Bears winning 99-85. This game featured an amazing shooting display of Bevill's Gabe Kennedy shooting 13 of 14 for 30 points.

The nightcap was also a hard-fought battle as the Shelton Buccaneers had to go to the limit to put away the Marion Military Institute, 80-77.

Friday's games featured a similar range of play. Faulkner State controlled Bevill State and its University of Alabama signed, Emmett Thomas, all game. Thomas, a long-range specialist, was held to 16 points, as Faulkner won 92-69. The second game was, perhaps, the most exciting of the tourney. Both teams topped the century mark with Gadsden State outlasting Northwest Shoals 116-110 in a neck-twisting shot-fest. The closest game of all was the Wallace-Dothan defeat of Alabama Southern 55-53. This nail-gnawer was the only on-paper upset of the tournament and came down to the fact that Alabama-Southern shot only 34 percent.

The favored Southern Union Bison downed the Buccaneers 80-62 in another display of steadily increasing power, leav-

ing the two title game opponents of Wallace-Dothan Govenors vs. the Gadsden State Cardinals in Div. II and the Southern Union Bison vs. the Faulkner

State Sun Chiefs for the Div. I crown.

In the first game on Saturday evening at 6, the Govs. showed how dangerous tournament can be. Coming to Tuscaloosa with only eight wins, they played fast and loose and stayed just tantalizingly out of reach of the fluttering Cardinals all game, winning 82-74.

Southern Union also showed jitters as the favorite in the big game at 8. Trying to use their edge in athleticism and depth, the Bison tried to go inside only to see their shots fall away.

But in the second half Terrence Hill came alive, ending up shooting 8-8 for the game and leading the Bisons with 20 points as they claimed the Div. I

honors, 82-74.

Southern Union is now 30-3 and headed to Kansas to fight for the national championship.



AJCCC Commissioner Bobby Skelton presents trophy to Wallace Dothan Coach Gabe Moore



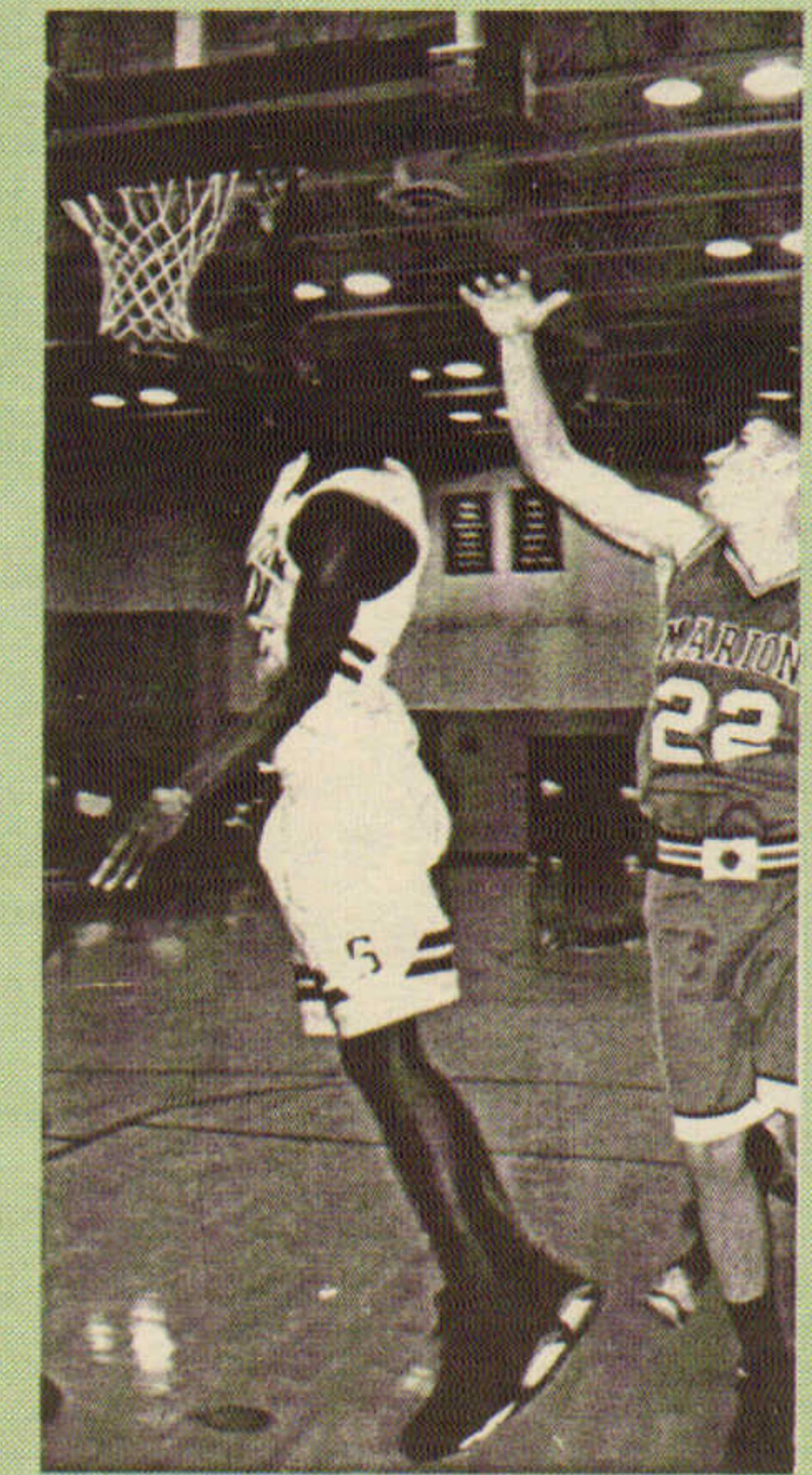
Southern Union celebrates its Div. I state championship

Bucs go down.....

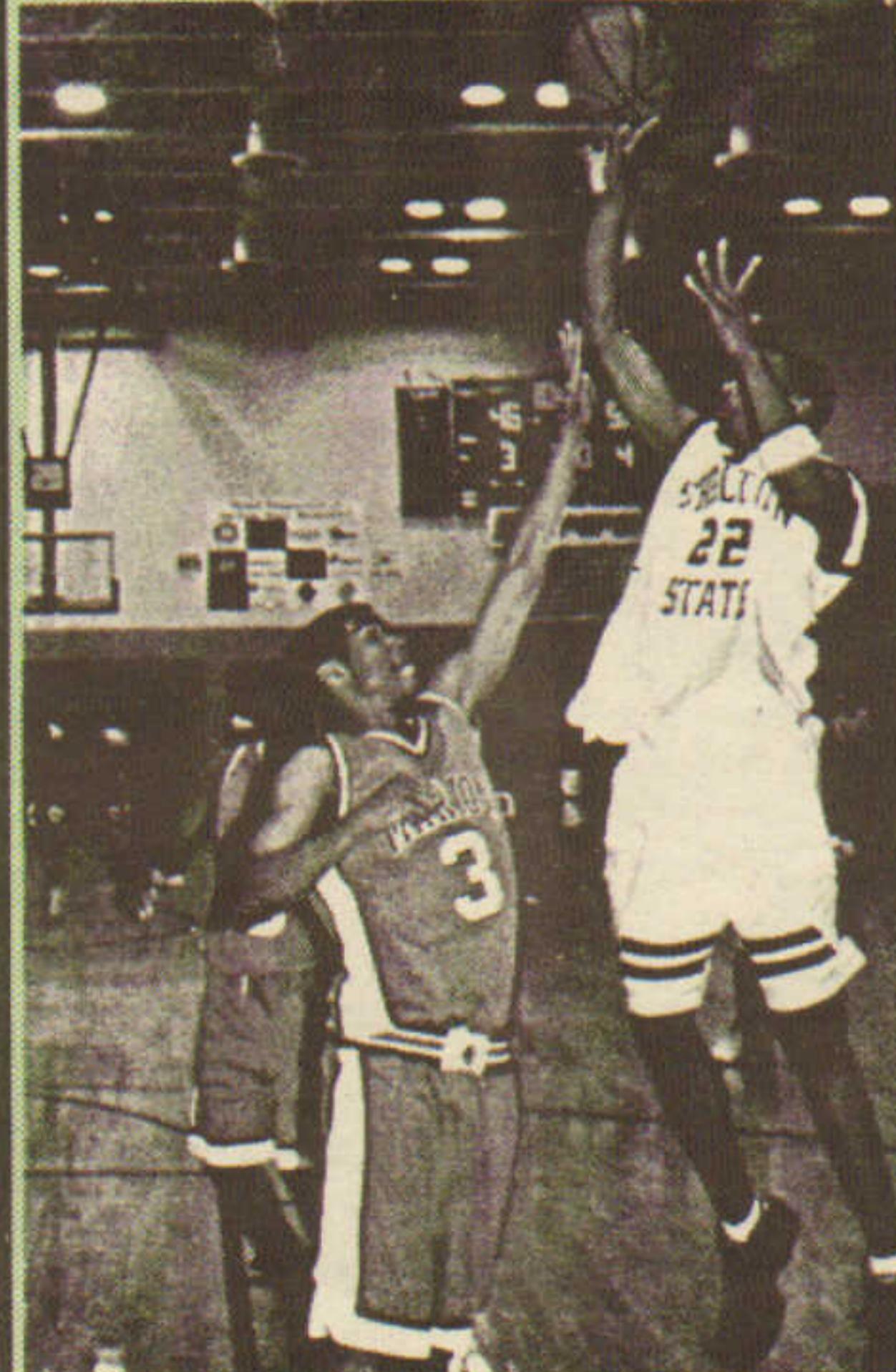


Shelton State Buccaneer Head Coach Barry Mohun enjoyed the experience of hosting the 2002 AJCCC Tournament at Shelton State. He also seemed to enjoy coaching his Bucs in side-line exhortations and intimate huddle strategy sessions. Unfortunately, the Bucs title dreams fell short in the semi-finals of the tournament.

fighting



Jamarr Hill played above the rim



Tim Lewis shows beautiful form

The Shelton State Buccaneers' play was definitely "above-the-rim" during the AJCC tournament it hosted March 7-9. Head Coach Barry Mohun, as a matter of fact, said he was proud of his team in the effort they put forth. "We played hard," he said after the loss to Southern Union. "These sophomores have won 51 games over two years. This has been a tremendous group to be around, and they have played hard all year long."

Perhaps the Bucs' struggle with Marion Military Institute Thursday was a sign of things to come. Though evidently a bit more athletic and certainly enjoying an edge in depth, the home team never could quite put away the Tigers comfortably and the game came down to the last shot. The Bucs' 80-77 win was an uneasy victory.

Sure enough, the tremendous Shelton athleticism was on display Friday against Southern Union, but after jockeying back and forth in the first half, the Bison pulled away and the Bucs had to begin thinking of next year.



Wallace State-Dothan Community College celebrates its Div. II championship